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IN PREPARATION FOR BUCHAREST PORTION OF CERNAN'S EASTERN EUROPEAN VISIT, EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL CERNAN'S ATTENTION TO SPECIAL LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE SOME CARE IN DESCRIBING ASPECTS OF U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH APOLLO-SOYUZ PROJECT. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, CERTAIN ROMANIANS DO NOT LIKE FACETS OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS WHICH CONNOTE "SUPER-POWER" CONDOMINIUM OR IMPLY EXCLUSION OF SMALLER NATIONS. THEREFORE, EMBASSY VIEWS CERNAN PROGRAMMING AS OPPORTUNITY TO COUNTERACT THIS REFLEX BY SHARING WITH ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTENT AND PROGRESS OR APOLLO-SOYUZ PROJECT AS WELL AS TO HIGHLIGHT PROSPECTIVE BENEFITS OF DETENTE TO ALL NATIONS. CERNAN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS USUALLY ATTEND ALL PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THIS VISIT, BUT WE DO NOT FEEL THAT ANY CALL ON OR SPECIAL INVOLVEMENT WITH SOVIET PRESENCE HERE WOULD BE USEFUL.

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